

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Raised Bill 1068

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Testimony of Mr. John McDonald

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Good morning, Madam Chair and Honorable Members of the Public Health Committee.

My name is John McDonald a person with psychiatric disabilities living in Terryville. I am here today to testify on Raised Bill1068. Please reject the proposed legislation before you.

In my recovery I have been in a number of psychiatric hospitals including Whiting Forensic. I must tell you, Whiting was the most tragic experience of my life. Raised Bill 1068 must have been written by a person who has never been at Whiting Forensic. I mean that individuals in recovery at Whiting have very limited property and the Director and each unit has policies controlling clients property.

Kindly, I am requesting that you strike down Raised Bill 1068 and that you protect the rights of individual with psychiatric disabilities residing at Whiting Forensic Division of CVH.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.